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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ORR

MONTH OF JANUARY 1958

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. January was a very busy month in the Geographic Area, with each of the divisions showing a considerable increase over December in reports produced or services rendered. In continuation of the briefing program begun in October 1957, the Geography Division presented a briefing on "Geographic and Strategic Implications of the Latest Disarmament Proposals"; it is currently planned to hold these intelligence briefings on a regular monthly basis.

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6. The Chief, Geographic Research, undertook with each of the Division Chiefs a review of his division's program, during which accomplishments of the past six months were studied and a detailed examination of plans and projects for the coming six months made. Specific objectives, insofar as they could be defined, were listed and discussed in some detail in order that there be a common understanding of management and administrative objectives to be worked for within the Area.

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9. In the company of Chief, Map Library Division, Chief/G visited ACIC in St. Louis for the purpose of receiving a detailed briefing on operations in the plant and the relationship of their Map Library to other activities; in addition, other significant relationships between ACIC and GRA were discussed.

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11. Chief/G participated with other members of Task Force #16 in a meeting on 20 January and in a tour of D/GL and FDD later in the month.

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12. A special meeting of the Chapter IX Subcommittee was held on 3 January to discuss the preparation of contributions to the Chapter I Annual for Poland, which was submitted to OBI to meet its January deadline. A memorandum on the man-hour requirements for preparation of the "trial run" Annual has been prepared and forwarded to the AD/RR. The "trial run" has proven conclusively that the number of D/GG manhours required both for the preparation of the CIA contribution and for the coordination will equal or exceed that necessary for the preparation of the average original Section 19. The preparation of the "Annuals" cannot be undertaken by D/GG unless capabilities are increased by the total number of manhours required to do the work.

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13. [ ] of the Geography Division held extended discussions with [ ] Deputy Chief, Foreign Controls Division, on various technical aspects of problems related to the protest by Texas Instruments, Inc., to the cancellation of the export license for two Worden gravimeters destined for Poland.

14. Three intelligence memoranda concerning aerial photography projects of great interest were prepared by the Map Library Division for forwarding to the Deputy Director/Intelligence. Material is being prepared for the issuance, on a trial basis, of a periodic summary of aerial photographic projects.

15. There was considerable activity regarding Antarctica, which included the following: (1) GG/X briefed the Working Group on Antarctica on the implications of sudden Soviet changes in plan designed to reach the Unclaimed Sector this season rather than in the early 1958-1959 season; this information served to confirm United States plans to reach the sector before the Soviets; (2) [ ] of the National Estimates Board was briefed extensively on Soviet interests and inten-

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18. Mr. Berry of AFCIN briefed GG/X on the progress on the USAF world gravity project at OSU, and on developments in USAF programs and plans for geodetic studies utilizing Earth Satellite data. In addition, ATIC personnel reported on a USAF meeting held to examine proposed establishment of a uniform policy to control the dissemination of IGY data.

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20. [REDACTED] of D/GP presented a briefing to representatives of the Naval Photo Intelligence Center on research and development work pertaining to exploitation equipment.

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